Progress of resettlement in South Kanara.

* 5 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what stage the Revenue resettlement of South Kanara is and when the report is expected to be published; and

(*b*) whether the Government have come to any decision as to the rate of increase or decrease in the assessment?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 4.

Public Service

Posting of Collectors to North Arcot since 1st June 1933.

* 6 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the names of persons posted for duty as Collectors in the North Arcot district from 1st June 1933 to date and for what periods?

A.—(i) Mr. A. G. Leach, C.I.E., I.C.S.—From 24th April 1933 afternoon to 23rd June 1933.

(ii) Mr. T. L. R. Chandran, I.C.S.—Since the 24th June 1933.

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Government are aware that this year there has been change in the Collectors of North Arcot four times? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, whether there is any policy underlying the posting of Collectors? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" Collectors posted to a district generally stay there for a considerable period unless there is reason for transferring them, for instance, when they proceed on leave."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Do Government realize, Sir, that by the constant transfers of Collectors and District Magistrates the efficiency of the administration of the district suffers? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I am not aware that the efficiency of the administration suffers materially in consequence of that. I am not aware that there are such frequent transfers."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" Does this list include those posted but who have not joined duty? Is there another list of those posted but who did not join? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I must ask for notice."

Wireless installations

Scheme, if any, for a provincial broadcasting service.

* 7 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have under consideration any scheme for a provincial broadcasting service; and

(*b*) whether they have decided to take any action in regard to this matter?

A.—(*a*) The Government have under consideration certain proposals for preparing a scheme for a Provincial Broadcasting service.

(*b*) No decision has yet been taken.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know, Sir, what proposals are under the consideration of the Government and by whom they have been made?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"There are certain proposals already before the Government but before considering them it may be necessary to take expert advice. The whole question as to how best to settle the scheme is under consideration of Government. We are in communication with the Chief Engineer for Electricity on this matter, and we are going to see whether and on what terms we can get the services of an expert for six months or so, to give us expert advice as to the best line for proceeding with the scheme."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Have the Government considered the desirability of getting advice from Bombay or Ceylon on this scheme of broadcasting? I understand that in Ceylon broadcasting is carried on by the Government very successfully."

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"We have not considered that. We shall take note of the hon. Member's suggestion."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"Will the hon. Member also consider the desirability of appointing a small committee to go into the whole question in view of the importance of the matter?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"The Government will also keep that suggestion in view. At present it is not under consideration."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Are the Government aware that an association in England has been circulating literature on the subject saying that it is necessary to entertain the villagers in the rural parts of India and that they think of starting a provincial broadcasting station, if necessary?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"I believe we have received some brochure or pamphlet on the subject."

Local Self-Government

Orders, if any, of Government on the recommendations made by the Special Officer appointed to examine the financial position of local bodies.

* 8 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have passed any orders in regard to the recommendations made by the Special Officer appointed to examine the financial position of local bodies?

A.—No. The recommendations of the Special Officer are under the consideration of the Government.